

FRESH ATTACKS ON BRITAIN IMMINENT

Improvement Program Whipped Into Shape

CITY CHARTER CHANGES ARE NOT DECIDED

Officials Ponder Entire New Charter or Simply More Amendments

CORP. COUNSEL LYNCH WORKS ON SUGGESTIONS

New Charter More Convenient, But May Not Be Warranted

No decision has yet been made on whether changes in the city charter recommended by the city administration will take the form of a "new" charter or instead a series of amendments to the already much-amended charter under which Waterbury operates, Corporation Counsel J. Gregory Lynch said today. A "new" charter, if offered, would be basically the same as the present charter but it would allow all amendments, old and new, to be put in their proper places and make possible the elimination of ambiguities and contradictions that now exist.

New Charter Better
"It would be more convenient to have a whole new charter, of course," said Mr. Lynch, "but one of the questions is whether the changes to be recommended will be sufficient to warrant such a procedure. It may turn out to be better to offer the changes as amendments, not as part of a whole new charter."

The corporation counsel stated that he does not feel at liberty to discuss the nature of the charter changes that will be recommended by the city administration. He is daily receiving recommendations and suggestions for amendments, he said.

In Skeleton Form

With January 31 as the deadline for filing bills at Hartford, it is probable that the charter bill or bills will be filed only in skeleton

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SUICIDE AIDE IS IMPRISONED

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 18.—(UP)—George H. Goodrich, 31, New Britain, today began a five to eight years' state's prison term after conviction in superior court on a charge he aided a close friend to commit suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes in an automobile. Goodrich formally was charged with manslaughter in a case which State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn described as "in a class by itself." Goodrich was accused of aiding Raymond Nelson, 33, with whom he lived, to commit suicide Aug. 29. Alcorn said the suicide followed a quarrel between the two men. Nelson, according to the state's attorney, wanted to commit suicide, and Goodrich agreed to aid him.

Finance Board To Get Bond Program

Plan for Long Range Capital Improvements Here in New Shape—Figure Now \$2,500,000—City to Sell Part of Issue Each Year

The plan for a city bond issue to finance a long range program of capital improvements will be submitted to the Board of Finance for consideration very soon, reliable sources said today. Mayor Vincent A. Scully who is not yet committed to the plan, is expected to place it before the finance commissioners at either a special executive session or at an adjourned meeting the 27th.

BIRTH CONTROL WILL BE ISSUE

Expected to Provide One of Bitterest Fights in Legislature

Birth control promises to be the most explosive issue before the 1941 General Assembly, with a bitter battle in prospect that may interfere with other legislation as did the dual job bill controversy at the session two years ago. Party lines will be crossed over the issue, the debate over which has leaders of both parties seriously worried for, as one prominent legislator put it to this reporter, "The thing's loaded with dynamite."

The Connecticut Committee to Make Birth Control Legal will ask the legislature either to repeal or modify a decades-old statute forbidding the dissemination of birth control information. The organization has branches in most sections of the state with Horace D. Taft of Watertown as one of its most active officers and with a number of Waterbury members. The committee's bill, though not yet introduced, will undoubtedly ask that physicians be given legislative authority to dispense birth control information.

The fear of leading legislators is that during hearings and debate on the bill the discussion will approach or pass the danger line, involving personalities and disparagement of religious beliefs.

Formation of the Connecticut Committee to Make Birth Control Legal began after a chain of events that started in Waterbury. Following disclosure by The Democrat that a birth control clinic was operating here, State's Attorney William B. Fitzgerald went into action. He ordered the confiscation of literature and equipment at the clinic, located at the Chase Dispensary.

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MALDEN, MASS., TO UNDERGO CLEAN-UP

Malden, Mass., Jan. 18.—(UP)—Mayor William E. Hastings today ordered closing of all gambling establishments and other illegal enterprises after an ultimatum by District Attorney Robert F. Bradford that he would take action himself if the cleanup was not effected within 24 hours. Bradford's warning followed the beating of an alleged bookmaker Thursday by four assailants. The attack occurred in a resort which Bradford had ordered closed a day earlier.

GUNS, SHIPS, PLANES ASKED BY CHURCHILL

Need More Than We Can Pay for, He Says, as Hopkins Listens

PRESENCE OF HOPKINS TERMED IMPORTANT

No "Large Armies From Overseas" Required, Says Churchill

BY WALLACE CARROLL

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, January 18.—(UP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, addressing an open air gathering of air raid precautions workers at Glasgow last night with Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy, on the platform with him, asked for American aid in weapons, ships and planes.

He said frankly that Britain would require more weapons, ships and planes than it could pay for in order to maintain "the front line of civilization." He added: "We on this island stand four square in the path of the European dictators. Their threats will not appeal us." He expressed his hope that by the end of this year or the beginning of 1942 Britain would have reached arms equality with Germany, and his conviction that Britain would win a complete and decisive victory over the "forces of evil."

Hopkins Present
It was evident that Churchill attached great importance to the presence of Hopkins. He and Hopkins had just ended a rapid tour of Glasgow's civil defenses when he made a short speech in response to the cheers of a crowd.

Hopkins was sitting shyly beside Churchill, his face half hidden behind one hand, when Churchill said: "Mr. Hopkins has come in order to put himself in the closest relation with things here. He will soon return and report to his famous chief the impressions he has gathered on our islands."

Don't Need Armies
Then he turned toward Hopkins and continued: "We do not require in 1941 large armies from overseas. What we do require is weapons, ships, airplanes."

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MILK FOR MANY PUPILS PLANNED

Gov. Hurley Works on Distribution to Undernourished Children

Distribution of milk to undernourished school children as a means of aiding farmers to dispose of their milk surplus is provided in a plan being prepared for submission to Gov. Robert A. Hurley. The plan is being worked out by Senator Alfred Bingham, of the 20th district, chairman of the senate committee on agriculture. One of the most vexing questions in connection with the plan is whether the farmers should be given a direct state subsidy or whether a city like Waterbury, for instance, should contribute to the cost. One suggestion advanced is that state and municipalities share the cost equally.

Gov. Hurley stressed the importance of the milk question during his campaign and will probably ask the legislature to set up a special commission to survey the whole situation. It is his belief that the farmer should get a larger share of the profit on milk, but the question is how steps can be taken to insure this. Senator Bingham believes that the income of dairy farmers could be increased by setting a program for giving the surplus milk to children in schools about the state. Much of the surplus is now sold as skim milk and used in the manufacture of dairy products.

Hitler, Mussolini Conference Over Week-End Is Rumored

Ice, Snow, Sleet—And Death



Ice, snow and sleet were at their destructive worst in the storm which swept the Eastern seaboard, leaving a trail of death and destruction in its wake. Driver and helper had narrow escape when this truck skidded off a glassy road near Great Neck, L. I., snapped off this telephone pole which crashed on truck. Neither man was injured.

Knudsen Makes Final Appeal For Lend-Aid

Will Be Last of Administration Leaders to Seek Congressional O. K. on Bill; Sen. Wheeler in Further Attack Following Churchill's Utterances

1,000 ITALIANS REPORTED TAKEN

Greek Report Also Says Two Italian Liners Have Been Torpedoed

Athens, Greece, Jan. 18.—(UP)—Greek troops captured 1,000 Italians yesterday, according to an official communique and some of them were quoted that two Italian liners, the 20,000-ton Lombardia and the 15,354-ton Liguria, were torpedoed in the Adriatic while bound for Albania filled with troops.

The prisoners were mainly from the famed "Lupi" division, the so-called "wolves of Tuscany," the communique said. They included many officers, among them Col. Managetti, commander of the 77th Regiment of "Lupi."

A government spokesman said some of the prisoners had crossed to Albania aboard transports in the same convoys with the torpedoed Lombardia and Liguria. They had been in Albania only a short time, he said.

The Lombardia, before she became a troop transport, was the 11th largest Italian merchant ship. She was built in 1920. The Liguria was the 18th largest Italian merchant ship. Both ships belonged to the Lloyd Triestino Line and operated from Genoa.

WAR IN EUROPE A YEAR AGO, JAN. 18, 1940

By United Press
Finns reported more civilian fatalities from Russian air raids. Five men killed in explosion of Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham Abbey, Eng.
Losses in the war at sea: British ship Cairnrose and tanker Inverdargie, Norwegian steamships Fagerheim and Enid, and German steamship August Thyssen.

GREATER BOSTON BEING PLANNED

Annexation of Nearby Cities Recommended in Land Institute Proposal

Boston, Jan. 18.—(UP)—A reorganization plan that included annexation of adjacent cities was proposed today for Boston, the nation's sixth largest city, by the Urban Land Institute, an independent real estate research agency with headquarters at Chicago.

The institute's report was made after a study by William H. Ballard, Boston real estate appraiser who worked in cooperation with city, state and federal agencies. According to the survey, the city suffers from decentralization of population over a wide metropolitan area, a too-high tax rate and inflexible zoning laws.

Recommendations for Boston's reorganization were:
1. State receivership for approximately 10 years to permit reorganization of city finances. This action would take advantage of an existing Massachusetts law in the same way Fall River did in 1932.

2. Annexation of the residential communities of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and other adjacent cities where mutual advantage can be shown.

3. Establishment of a new county government to furnish municipal services to all municipalities in the Boston area, including those now served by the Metropolitan District Commission.

4. Removal of traffic difficulties by rebuilding the entire market district at a more accessible point, by halving the number of licensed taxicabs, by prohibiting truck traffic in

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JOURNAL-COURIER IS STILL DARK

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—The New Haven Journal-Courier did not publish for the second time today because of a strike of composing room employees.

The Yale Daily News, the oldest college daily in the country, increased its Saturday edition to 5,000 copies, and expected to sell 3,000 copies on the street. The paper increased its size to 10 pages. The paper's entire student editorial staff was called in to aid in publication of local and national news. The New Haven Register, afternoon newspaper, also was affected by the composing room strike, leaving the city without a local daily for the first time in nearly 25 years.

BRIDGEPORT INCLUDED

War Consultations of Axis Powers Portend Fresh Impetus to Attacks

MANY EVENTS LINKED IN DEVELOPMENTS

Petain Summons Meeting of Minister's Council at Vichy

BY HARRISON SALISBURY

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Axis war conferences, possibly including a meeting of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, strengthened belief today that new blows against Great Britain are being prepared. The Hitler-Mussolini meeting still was in the rumor stage but suggestions that the Axis leaders might confer over the week-end received some support from Rome. Italian officials declined to comment on the reports but admitted that for the first time in many years Mussolini had cancelled an appearance scheduled for Sunday at which he was due to present prizes to Italy's champion wheat growers.

Economic Discussions
Rome also admitted that on Monday important war consultations of an economic nature will open between German and Italian representatives.

There were two obscure developments — one in the Balkans and one at Vichy — which may fit in with Axis war plans. The Bulgarian minister to Berlin, Farvan Draganoff, arrived in Sofia and went into immediate conference with Foreign Minister Ivan Popoff. His return started reports that a cabinet reconstruction was imminent due to the continued poor health of Premier Bogdan Filoff.

Petain Calls Ministers
At Vichy Marshal Henri Philippe Petain summoned a meeting of his council of ministers. The council has not met for many days and the call might indicate that Vichy finally has received a reply from Germany on the crisis which resulted from the ouster of vice-Premier Pierre Laval.

It has been reported that Petain desired to make changes in his cabinet but that these have been held up by lack of word from the Germans on Adolf Hitler's attitude. That Great Britain is convinced that new, powerful blows will soon be struck by Germany was made evident by Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Great Danger Ahead
In a speech at Glasgow last night at which he significantly noted the presence of President Roosevelt's emissary, Harry L. Hopkins, on the platform, Churchill warned that great dangers lie directly ahead of Britain.

Churchill appealed for more weapons, ships and planes from the United States—more than Britain had funds to pay for—but added that his country had no need "in 1941" of great armies from overseas.

Both Britain and Germany spoke of new air weapons today.

The British said they were building new 3-motor long-distance fighter planes to escort their bombers on day attacks on the European continent. They said they hoped for air mastery in 1942.

Germany revealed that a new

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DUMB BELLS

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

WHAT HAVE YOU TO DECLARE?

I DECLARE I WOULDN'T HAVE GONE HAD I KNOWN HOW ROUGH THE OCEAN WAS!

CUSTOMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(UP)—The Civil Aeronautics board last yesterday granted the application of American Airlines, Inc., to include Bridgeport, Conn., as an intermediate stop on its New York to Boston route.



Italians claim to have torpedoed the 22,000-ton British aircraft carrier Eagle, above, from a plane, bringing total of British warships in Mediterranean either destroyed or damaged by new Axis offensive against British seapower to 15. Plane in photo is British Duffin scout, returning to ship after reconnaissance.